

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
STERLING TIME COMPANY FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC00-093

On June 14, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Sterling Time Company (Sterling).

Sterling proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, travel card service, and prepaid calling card service throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by Sterling. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 15, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 30, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 30, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered Sterling's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Sterling has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Sterling has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Sterling's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Sterling's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Sterling shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner